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NOTE AND COMMENT

Dr. Parkin at Montreal the other day stated that Rhodes scholarships would probably be granted at an early date to both Alberta and Saskatchewan, instead of one for all the old Northwest territory. The wonder is that it has taken so long to make the change. These two provinces are surely entitled to the same treatment as the other members of confederation. The university of Alberta will thus at an early stage in its career have the privilege of sending one of its students to Oxford.

But is the prize one that it is worth a young fellow's while to aim at? One must hesitate to disparage an idea, conceived in such genuine enthusiasm for the imperial cause, as that which Mr. Rhodes elaborated in his will. But as it is working out, we very much doubt its advantages. It was undoubtedly the intention of Mr. Rhodes that the scholars should be sent to Oxford at an early stage in their careers as undergraduates. His will is plain upon that point. But the trustees have altered the plan so that the honor is awarded only after the regular university course is completed. The reason that they gave for doing this was that it would be a serious mistake to take a boy away from the country in which he was born and brought up and in which he is expected to spend the greater part of his life at such a formative period in his career. But is it any more the part of wisdom to take him away and add three years more of study in another country at a time when he should be out and taking his place in the life of the Dominion? The average student graduates between the ages of twenty two and twenty three. Add three years to this and he is twenty five or twenty six when he starts out to face the world. Is not this too long a time spent in preparation for a man to accomplish much towards the objects which Mr. Rhodes had in view?

A post graduate course such as is now provided by the Rhodes scholarships is all right for a young man who contemplates taking up an academic career. But it was not an academic life which the great Imperialist had in view for those who would secure the advantages of his bequest. What he wanted to produce was a race of strong, well-educated citizens, men who would take the places of leading in the busy world and help build up by their energy, intelligently directed, the Empire whose future he had so much at heart. The university man, who has had only a four years' course, is at a very real disadvantage, in many respects, when he has to pit himself against those who have, while he has been engaged in study, been facing the real problems of life, and we cannot conceive how his chances of getting to the front, as Cecil Rhodes undoubtedly expected his scholars would, would be improved by adding three years more, in a strange land, to the period of his apprenticeship.

A new volume has been issued recently from the pen of Dr. Parkin, in the "Makers of Canada" series, which deals with the life and work of one who is entitled as few others are to rank in that category, Sir John A. Macdonald. Those who have had the privilege of seeing the volume state that the work has been well done. Certainly very few public men have arisen in the history of any country whose character and career had more interesting phases.

The former Speaker and Clerk of the Ontario Legislature, Colonel Charles Clarke, is responsible for a volume of reminiscences entitled "Sixty Years in Upper Canada," which discusses most entertainingly the personalities of the many public

men with whom he came in contact. One reference to Sir John is most illuminating. In discussing the rivalry between George Brown and him he contrasts the qualities of the two men until he arrives at the tragedy by which Brown lost his life. Bennett, a discharged employee of The Globe, entered Mr. Brown's office to complain of the treatment he had received at the hands of the foreman who had dismissed him. Bennett carried a revolver, but it is not clear that he meant to shoot The Globe editor. But Mr. Brown clinched with him, and in the struggle got shot. "The thought comes to me," says Col. Clarke, "that under similar circumstances Sir John would have managed not to be shot."

The debate in the Commons on the methods of disposing of the timber of the Northwest served one purpose more than any other. It reminded the country that it had in comparative retirement a man, whose ability is of so rare a quality as to make it a matter of profound regret that he is not exercising it more frequently in the public service. Mr. Sifton's speech was one of the most lucid and comprehensive that he has ever delivered. Till he stepped into the breach, matters looked badly for the government. Its defenders had contented themselves with showing how this and that Conservative had profited out of timber deals under the Conservatives' regime. No argument could be more disquieting to old time Liberals. There has been too much brought to light to make them believe that their party was sinking into the condition of that which held the reins of power for so long a period previous to 1896. It was no news to them that in the old days individuals had reaped unfair advantages from the public. But how could that serve as an excuse, if, under their own party other individuals were doing the same thing?

Mr. Sifton did not resort for a moment to this style of defence. He is too good a politician for that. Without the slightest attempt at recrimination he defended the policy, which he had followed as Minister of the Interior and which was still being continued, in all its details. Whatever one may think of the policy defended, he cannot help admitting that the ex-minister's speech was a master-piece of elucidation.

Previous to 1896, he pointed out, there was much criticism from the Liberal Opposition of the timber policy of the administration. But in that year a system was adopted which the files of parliament show was satisfactory to both sides of the House. From 1896 to 1896 no complaints are on record. When the Liberals came into power, they made no change in the system, and it has remained practically the same as it was, when adopted nearly twenty years ago. The timber and mines branch has remained under the officers appointed by the Conservative government and he was confident that they had administered the system with an even-handed justice since 1896 as they had before that date. Everybody has a right to tender for a limit and if fortunes have been made, as alleged, out of the various purchases, the opportunity was open to everyone. If lumber is to be produced from a domestic supply, it must be open to those who invest in the industry to acquire limits so as to keep their mills running. There has been an increase in the production of lumber in the prairie provinces from 34,000,000 in 1896 to 125,000,000 in 1907. This serves to indicate surely that the supply has been getting into the hands of the lumberman. The average price received in eleven years was \$81 a square mile, while a few cents of the price received in Quebec, though many of the limits in the west were in inaccessible places and of doubtful value.

The subject is one on which the



In Wonderland

public may be easily misled. The reading of long lists of those who purchased timber berths, valued by those engaged in criticizing the government, at very large sums, might possibly, said Mr. Sifton, excite the envy or cupid of those to whom they are ascribed, but as to a reasonable discussion of the timber policy of the government, he submitted they had no application whatever. Mr. Sifton is quite correct. Unless it is shown that by manipulation fair competition among those who desire the limits is avoided, there is no reason to complain. It would do the country no good to hold the limits. It has either to dispose of them or to operate them itself and we hardly think it is prepared for the latter course. We cannot see how the system can very well be improved upon and unless some definite charges are made against its administration, there is no need for further investigation.

The large majority in favor of the bylaw voted upon in Strathcona on Monday to grant \$17,500 towards providing for traffic facilities on the high level bridge is a most encouraging sign. The vote stood 985 to 104. The traffic deck will undoubtedly have the effect of making the two cities to all intents and purposes one and it is most satisfactory to note the disposition on the part of those on the south bank to join in building up what we believe will become the largest inland city in Canada. Another bylaw passed on the same day by Strathcona assures the purchase at a cost of \$11,000, of a twenty two acre park near the University site. Strathcona has shown unusual foresight in this connection in providing for the future. It has now several excellent park sites, while along the bank of the river for its whole length it will have an unimpeded driveway.

The contrast to the Edmonton side will be very striking. Nature gave each city a magnificent site. Edmonton has made no effort to preserve its advantages. It could have had the finest front door on the continent but it lost the opportunity. This being the case, it is a matter for congratulation that one side of the river, at least, will have a good appearance. The result will undoubtedly be to make Strathcona the best residential section of Greater Edmonton.

It is seldom that a more sweeping condemnation has been passed on a civic department than that contained in the report presented by the special committee on Tuesday night, which recommended that the resignations of City Health

Officer Ternan and Health Inspector Main be asked for and that Sanitary Foreman Anderson be dismissed. According to the report, the latter was guilty of petty graft, receiving bribes for workmen in order that they might be allowed to continue at their work and receiving money for work from the hotels which he himself kept. If these charges are correct, something besides dismissal should follow. So many opportunities of this kind offer, and detection is so difficult, that when an offence is discovered, a striking example should be made of the offender. As to the medical health officer, various cases are recited, such as that of the Alberta Hotel, which was quarantined for smallpox, when, according to a judicial decision, it should not have been. In which the city has been put to much unnecessary expense and citizens to great inconvenience. As a result, it is pointed out, while five smallpox cases during 1907 cost Calgary \$905.35, three supposed cases, in Edmonton, cost \$2,320. The isolation hospital, it is claimed, has been poorly managed and proper care has not been taken in connection with the milk supply. In addition to being inefficient, the medical health officer is accused of discourtesy in his dealings with citizens. Dr. Ternan admits that he has not been given an adequate opportunity of making a defence before the committee and that he will be heard from. But if what the committee has brought out is founded on fact, there was no other course open to it than to recommend that the officer's services be dispensed with.

The Edmonton Board of Trade on Tuesday passed a resolution calling upon the government to proceed with the construction of trunk roads into the Peace River country. There is no question of the need of these. The difficulties of travel in that direction are at present enormous. Yet such is the attention which the district has attracted all over the world that large numbers are each year visiting it. While we wish the country, already reached by railways, settled to a much greater extent than it is now before there is any great movement in the outlying parts, it is unreasonable to neglect the latter altogether. Twenty five years ago, there was still plenty of land to be taken up in Manitoba. But it would not have been a good thing for the country if at that time nothing had been done towards inducing settlement in what is now Alberta; and the Peace River country now stands in the same position to the rest of the west as our own province did in the eighties.

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AT THE LEGISLATURE

Rapid progress continues to be made with the work of the House. The last of the more important measures fore-shadowed in the Speech from the Throne was introduced on Wednesday, that providing for an eight hour day in the mines of the province. Hon. Mr. Cushing's speech in elucidating the bill's provisions was a singularly able affair. The amount of information bearing on the subject which it brought out is evidence of the extensiveness of the inquiry which the government has made before recommending the adoption of legislation bearing on this most important industry. Not only were the conditions existing in Alberta coal mines considered in the light of the investigation made by the Coal Commission but the experience of other governments in all parts of the world was clearly set forth. As an occupation, coal mining is exceedingly arduous, dangerous and unhealthy and the case has been clearly made out for legislative enactment, looking to the amelioration of the lot of those engaged in it.

The bill, introduced by Mr. Cushing, provides for an eight hour day, from bank to bank. This means that a miner will be eight hours from the time that he starts into the mine to his work to the time that he leaves it. In reply to those who have urged that only the time spent in actual mining should count, it is pointed out that the period spent in going to the spot where the work is being done is a necessary part of the miner's daily occupation. He has often long distances of underground walking in a stooping position to do. While this regulation may be brought into effect in some places by the action of the trade unions, there is always the danger that long and expensive industrial disputes will take place in the interval. Therefore, it has been deemed advisable in the general interests to make a law of general application.

The increase of efficiency, which will result, will be such, it is believed, that a workman will be able to mine as much coal in the eight hours as he would have in a longer period. If this is correct, and it is a fairly well established economic fact, there should be no increase in the cost of the output, and neither mine operator nor consumer should suffer.

The Minister of Public Works presented some figures which showed the remarkable development which the industry has achieved in recent years. In 1901 the total production in the whole of the Northwest Territories was 346,349 tons. When the figures are complete for 1907, it is expected that the total will stand at 1,841,000 tons for Alberta alone. The latter would have been larger but for the fact that at the first of the year, the general strike, which caused so much inconvenience last winter, was still on.

With growth like this, it has become most important that steps should be taken to regulate the calling and the government is to be congratulated on the promptness and thoroughness with which it has discharged its duty.

The railway resolution of the leader of the Opposition was voted down. The Minister of Public Works estimated that the programme would cost from twenty five to thirty millions of dollars and he could not see that there was any need for launching out on it at present. When some definite plan looking to the objects, set forth by Mr. Robertson, was worked out, the government would be ready for action, but it could not sanction the abortive legislation proposed by the Opposition. The following amendment was finally adopted: "That this Assembly is strongly

in favor of the extension of railway facilities to every part of the province, including the important northern district, which possesses such rich and varied possibilities that await development; but, having regard to the welfare and comfort of the great body of people now settled in this province, it is the opinion of this House that the revenues and resources of this government should primarily be used to advance the interests of the agricultural and industrial classes of our province by furnishing them with necessary public works and conveniences such as roads, bridges, schools, etc., for which the need is widespread and urgent.

"And that, therefore, having in view 'the greatest good to the greatest number,' with respect to the proposal that the government acquire existing railways in the province and construct a railway into the northern portion thereof, this House is of the opinion that at this juncture, such proposal is inopportune and ill advised."

Mr. Hiebert's dispensary bill for the solution of the liquor problem met with an untimely fate being ruled out of order. He could have brought the matter before the House by resolution, but did not do so, contenting himself with setting forth his ideas in the Journal. "I felt that common courtesy," he declared in an interview, "would have caused the government to allow me to explain the purpose of the bill before throwing it out." Mr. Hiebert's position is an untenable one. The bill was one which by all the rules of parliamentary procedure must be introduced as a government measure and there was only one course open in dealing with it. His purpose could have been served by a resolution. If he failed to take advantage of this fact, he has no right to accuse the government of discourtesy.

The Speaker's annual dinner on Friday evening in the Legislative Chambers was a most enjoyable event. Hon. Mr. Fisher is an ideal host, the dinner itself couldn't have been improved upon, and the speeches which followed were of a high order. At the head table were Premier Rutherford, on the Speaker's right, and Hon. Mr. Cross, on his left, Hon. W. H. Cushing, Hon. W. T. Finlay, Mr. A. J. Robertson, Mr. Justice Scott, Mr. Justice Harvey, and Mr. Justice Beck. The toast list with those who responded was as follows:

The Province—Premier Rutherford and A. J. Robertson, M.P.P.
The Judiciary—Mr. Justice Scott, Greater Edmonton, For Edmonton, Ex-Mayor Grisebach; For Strathcona, Mayor Mills.
The Banks—Messrs. Pardee, Kirkpatrick, Swaisland and Anderson.
Educational Institutions—Dr. Tory.
The Army—Col. Edwards, K.C., Inspector Worsley, R.N.W.M.P., and Major Paton.
Legislative Assembly—Hon. C. W. Cross, Hon. W. H. Cushing, J. T. Moore, M.P.P.
The Old North-West Legislature—Warden McCauley.
Agriculture—Hon. W. T. Finlay.
The Conservative Party—President J. D. Heydeman, of the Provincial Conservative Association, and A. M. Calderon.

Alberta Government Deputies—J. R. Cowell, Clerk of Assembly.
Press—Duncan Marshall, A. B. Watt, J. W. Cunningham.
The dinner has come to be the principal event of its kind in the year and that of 1908 will in no way suffer by comparison with its predecessors.

The second annual convention of the Alberta Temperance and Moral Reform League will be held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Calgary, on Wednesday and Thursday, March 4th and 5th, 1908. The opening session will be held on Wednesday evening, March 4, and sessions will be held Thursday morning, afternoon and evening.

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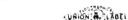
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About Town.

Edward Morgan charged with
setting fire to his hardware store
at Mannville for the purpose of
defrauding the insurance company
was acquitted at the High Court
this week. W. A. D. Lees prosecu-
tor and M. M. Biggar defended.

A Charles Rumm was acquitted on
the charge of attempting to kill Henry
Pruden at Athabasca Landing on
May 14th last. The defence, which
was conducted by H. A. Mackie
was that the blow was inflicted in self-
defence. The jury was out but ten
minutes.

Three convicted prisoners were
given penitentiary terms by Justice
Harvey on Tuesday. Andrew Zippie,
for poisoning horses out of revenge
at Stony Plain, received three
years, Fred Bamber, who assaulted a
young girl at Ledue, five years and
Albert McEachern, who embezzled
\$700 from Ross, Macdonald and Co.
of Strathcona, four years.

A deputation from Stettler, con-
sisting of Messrs. Harding, Griggs
and Matthias this week urged upon
the government the wisdom of estab-
lishing their town as a judicial
centre.

At the annual meeting of the
Strathcona Board of Trade J. M.
Douglas was unanimously elected
president of the Board for the ensu-
ing year, with J. T. Weir, vice presi-
dent, and R. P. Lewis, treasurer.
The new council elected comprise
Messrs O'Brien, Bush, Blain, McFar-
lane, Jamieson, Marriott and Mrs.
Archibald. The resolution of
censure upon the mayor was pas-
sed for his attitude in regard to the
grant of the council to the Board.

Last Friday a party consisting of
Messrs James Britton and H. Cope,
wife, daughter and son, reached
Edmonton from London, expecting
to take up their home on a farm, for
a part interest in which Mr. Britton
had paid \$1000. The money was
thus fraudulently obtained from him
by a man who gave the name of
Harold Spencer Percival. The police
are working on the case.

A resolution was moved by Wm.
Short, K.C., at Tuesday's Board of
Trade meeting and adopted, calling
for the removal of the traffic
facilities, and that the provincial
governments should bear the cost of
the maintenance of the roadway
across the traffic bridges. Mr. Short
mentioned that there would be rail-
way bridges across the Pembina and
Athabasca rivers, over which it
would be advantageous to have
traffic bridges.

The work of clearing the right of
way for the G.T.P. west of the city
has already commenced and it is ex-
pected that in a few weeks the city
will be the centre of very extensive
construction work. The clearing
of the first thirty miles of the right
of way has been let to J. McAllister,
the next thirty miles has not been
let, or is let in small contracts, the
third thirty miles is let to M. Mc-
Kenzie, and the other fourth and
last thirty miles to Ben Baker. These
contractors have all been employ-
ed by the firm of Foley,
Welsh and Stewart on the G.T.P.
near Saskatoon. Baker has taken a
large force of men and gone out to
commence work at once, clearing
the right of way on his section,
which extends from ninety miles
west of Edmonton to 120 west to
Wolf Creek. The other contractors
will sublet as much of the clearing
of the right of way as possible.
The work will be let as far as pos-
sible to the farmers and home-
steads residing along the right of
way.

A most enjoyable "At Home" was
held under Knights of Pythias
auspices in the Mechanic's Hall, a
musical programme being followed
by a dance.

A company, to be known as the
International Trading and Develop-
ment Co. has been formed at Minne-
apolis by Fred S. Lawrence, super-
intendent of the experimental farm
at Fort Vermilion on the Peace
River. The company, in the pros-
pectus which it has just sent out,
states that it is capitalized at
\$500,000 divided into 5,000 shares of
\$10 each. Its object is to exploit
the fur trade of the Peace and Mc-
Kenzie rivers.

The Grub Pot in Alberta

An Attempt that is being made to Misrepresent Conditions in the Province

The Saturday News one morning
last week received through the mail
an impressive looking envelope,
which was found to contain a news-
paper clipping from what paper it
was taken there was nothing to
indicate, along with a sheet of
white paper on which was written,
no signature being attached:

"READ, MARK AND LEARN
AND FOR GOD'S SAKE DIGEST
THIS."

The article clipped was entitled
"The Grub Pot in Calgary." It
was illustrated by a cut, showing a
Salvation Army officer standing at
the Calgary post office corner beside
a placard, on which was printed
"Free Christmas Dinner for
Deserving Poor." Underneath the
illustration were the words "Keep
the pot a boiling; you may need a
dinner next Christmas."

The article which we have read
and striven to digest we are repro-
ducing. As a warning to readers,
we would say that the latter pro-
cess is not an easy one. It is evi-
dently intended to prove that there
is distress in Calgary and that West-
ern Canada is a good country to
stay away from, but it hardly think
it carries conviction on the latter
point. Here it is:

"The tripod scene shown here
was taken on the streets of Calgary
just before Christmas, and is repro-
duced at the request of the Trades
and Labor Council of Calgary. It is
tendered as a contribution to the
controversy which was started by
the Board of Trade advertising
literature at the Dublin exhibition,
which was so completely exposed by
W. R. Trotter, as to the effect of
rush immigration on the wage-ear-
ning class.

These tripods have been familiar
in Winnipeg for some years past.
The intimation that You may need
a dinner next year is not by any
means merely a joke. There has
been many a fellow shuffling
mightily hard this winter for bits
of old jobs to whom a good dinner
smells mighty good.

The secretary of the council in
forwarding us the photo encloses
some cuttings from current issues
of the Calgary papers. Here is one
which tells a story in two keys:
THE RICHEST PEOPLE
IN THE WORLD.

Mr. Kerby Shows that Canadians are
Exceedingly Well Provided for.

"At the opening of the sermon in
Central Methodist church last night
Rev. Mr. Kerby thanked the congre-
gation for the very generous re-
sponse which had been given to
his appeal for clothing, etc. for
some poor families in the city.
Over fifty young men, most of whom
were new arrivals in the country,
have been supplied with warm
underclothing. There was no more
generous people in the world than
the people in Canada and there are
no more generous people in Canada
than the people of Calgary.

Canada is the richest country per
capita in the world, said Rev. Mr.
Kerby. The seven million of people in Canada
have over \$650,000,000 in deposits in
the banks and over \$2,000,000,000
in the hands of the people. The pres-
ent financial stringency is felt less
in any country in the world and there
are fewer needy than in other coun-
tries.

Those lads who were long on bank
deposits and short on underclothing
deserve to go and find a wife and
live either up the bank or go to
work to buy a shirt; provided that
other avenue were open. All
there's the rub.

The following dispatch from
Toronto appeared in the same pa-
per "Toronto, Dec. 28. Whatever
may be the situation, so far as im-
migrants brought to this country
by other agencies are concerned,
the Salvation Army in Canada has
practically no men played problem
to deal with. This is the statement
of Commissioner Combs, and it is
based on reports received from each
of the principal centres throughout
the Dominion. These reports show
that less than 100 of the people
brought into this country by the
Salvation Army are out of employ-
ment."

The men in Calgary comment on
this that the Army immigrants must
have been miraculously fortunate,
but express the hope that the Army
will not presume in this extraordi-
nary state of affairs and take any
large proportion of the 200,000 im-
migrants who are promised for the
year along their way or its record
will go to pieces.

There will always be a certain me-
asure of poverty, but for strong, self-
reliant young men and women the
most exceptional opportunities are
offered. To prove this, a person
doesn't need to consult statistics or
to listen to the testimony of those
who presume to speak with
authority. All that he requires to
do is make a note of how many of
those with whom he has come into
touch in Western Canada who
would have been any good any-
where, wish to go back to the con-
ditions under which they spent the
earlier parts of their lives.

Should people stay away from
Western Canada, simply because
the millennium hasn't been reached
yet, because suffering follows
human weakness or our midst as it
does everywhere else? No matter
how rich in natural resources a
country is or what opportunities
it offers to energetic workers, there
will always be some who, through
illness or dissolute habits, or
through unfortunate personal cir-
cumstances, which they have no
control, who will be lacking in
what goes to make up the degree of
comfort, to which it should be our
object to strive to assure every
one of us. As the above clip-
ping shows, we are looking after
deserving cases, but because there is
some necessity for this why should
one run down the country?

As has been said already, Alberta
may safely challenge comparison
with any other part of the globe in
respect to the condition of its peo-
ple. The following despatch which
came this week from New York City
is well worth perusing in this con-
nection:

"While the happy crowds made
merry on the park lakes, the chari-
table societies were doling out
merry on the 'other side' of New
York. Penetrating a dingy nook
on the carpet floor of a tenement
house, the agents of the Children's Society
found a mother and two children
huddled about a fireless stove,
nearly waiting death from starva-
tion and cold. Lena Brown, Julius,
seven years old, and Minnie, aged four,
were crouched on the floor, their
hands clutching the stove in which
the fire had long since died. A
stove and a broken down rocker
constituted the furniture and there
was no food in the palace.

Two women were found dead in
the kitchen of a house in No. 351
West 71st street, of which they
were caretakers. They were Mrs.
Margaret Bertie, 70 years old,
and Mrs. Margaret Kelly, 40 years
old. For many years they had been
friends. There was a little coal in a
bin in the cellar and 17 cents were
found in a cupboard. The police
say they think the women sat by
a stove in front of which they were
trying to keep warm, went to sleep
before the fire went out, and froze
to death. Pawn tickets, showing
that Mrs. Bertie had pawned
eighteen articles of dress and
jewelry were found. While the
police were in the house prepar-
ing to remove the bodies to the
mortuary, there called a collector for
a stove cutting company, who had
built for Mrs. Bertie a small monu-
ment over the grave of her son,
Captain John W. Bertie, who served in
the Spanish American war.

Mrs. Bertie's correspondence
showed that she had relatives in
Scotland who have become well
known in medicine and business.
An unnamed philanthropic
woman sent 200 sandwiches to a
public school in Manhattan. The
principal, Mrs. Tower, formed a
"bread line" in the basement play-
room, met out the sandwiches and
then exercised the feminine prerogative
of tears. "I used to ask some
of the boys who they did not go
home at luncheon time," said Mrs.
Tower, "but I soon learned what
was the trouble." Many of them
did not answer. Others said "What's
the use?"

The police reported several deaths
from exposure to reach the four-
teen were warmed and fed, but thousands
more, those who know said, shiv-
ered in proud silence. When the
police were called to the scene they
be accommodated sought shelter
at the refuge houses. The
flower bread line numbered many
more than did the houses to be dealt
out. In the early evening there
was little wind and the snow piled
up an even layer that promised
hardly enough to reach the four-
teens depth, but means the snow
removing contractors must take
hold. Hundreds of men, anxious for
employment, gathered there and
agencies and silently prayed that the
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An Attack on the Alberta Farmers' Association and a Reply

"We think it is about time the farmers of Alberta protested against their association being made the cats-paw for any political party, immaterial what complexion. The convention recently held in Edmonton was made use of by the Liberal machine to get in some of its fine work. The other night there was a meeting of the Clover Bar branches, and here again politicians of Liberal faith held the floor. The farmers of Clover Bar are well conversant with what the provincial government is doing, and has done for them, and there was no great necessity for practically the entire phalanx of Liberal members in the House to journey down there to impress their lordly presence upon the audience. The meeting was engineered for political effect, and the sooner the members of the association realize that a continuance of the policy will bring about a wreck of an institution that is calculated to be productive of much good the better for themselves and the community at large.

"We read that at the meeting of the association, Mr. Fletcher, made a vigorous attack upon the C.P.R., which he charged with treachery on the rights of the people of Alberta. We gather from the report of the "official" organ that the farmers were being oppressed by this road. If this be the case, and we shall presume that Mr. Fletcher was speaking with authority, then it is the bounden duty of Mr. Fletcher to formulate these charges to this effect against that corporation and have the same investigated by the Railway Commission at Ottawa. The powers and jurisdiction of this Commission are such that no man can be subjected to an injustice by any railway corporation without being given redress, and if Mr. Fletcher does not follow this course here suggested, then he is remiss in his duty to the members of the association and to the people of Alberta as a citizen of it.

"The statement made by the president has gone forth widespread and if we want settlers to come here we must promise to them such protection as the British courts and the sense of British fair play. We must not induce men to come here and have them oppressed and plundered by the C.P.R. or any corporation. If the grievance of the farmers as Mr. Fletcher says it does, it must be removed and removed quickly."

The above article which appeared in the Edmonton Journal a few days ago, is deserving of special attention by all members of the Alberta Farmers' Association, and the statements contained therein are well challenged by those to whom the article directly refers. The Journal says "the convention recently held in Edmonton, was made use of by the Liberal machine to get in some of its fine work." In this connection we may say that the only Liberal politicians of whom we have any knowledge who were present at that Convention were the Premier, the Minister of Agriculture and the Mayors of Edmonton and Strathcona. Unfortunately, all of them happened to be Liberals; but we do not see in what way the Alberta Farmers' Association is responsible for that fact, and we do not know who would be more proper persons to invite to the opening of a meeting of this kind than the Premier of the Province, the Minister of Agriculture, the Mayor of the city in which the convention is held, and the mayor of a neighboring city, which is proud to acknowledge itself as the headquarters of the association.

Further on the Journal says in effect, that if Mr. Fletcher has any charges to make against the C.P.R. he should formulate them and make them specific; in reply we will say that inasmuch as the Journal has charged that the recent convention was made use of by the Liberal machine to get in some of their fine work we trust that it will follow its own advice and formulate its charges and make them specific and state what constituted the "fine work" to which it refers and who was the artist by whom it was done, in order that the Association may guard against similar acts in the future.

In another place the Journal says that the farmers of Clover Bar are well conversant with what the Provincial Government is doing, and has done for them, and there was no great necessity for the entire phalanx of Liberal members in the House to journey down there to impress their lordly presence upon the audience. In reply to this we will say that that meeting was not devoted to a discussion of what the Provincial Government is doing, or HAS DONE for the farmers but it was intended to impress upon the MEMBERS what the FARMERS want the Provincial Government to DO IN THE FUTURE. The resolutions which were introduced at the opening of the meeting and were the keynote to the subsequent proceedings relating, first to a local matter pertaining to road building on the 14th

base line, about which there has long been a great deal of dissatisfaction; second a protest against a reported change in the local improvement ordinance; and third, a strong resolution and petition asking the government to establish and operate a pork packing and beef canning plant. Instead of the members journeying to Clover Bar for the purpose of impressing their lordly presence on the inhabitants of the district we would say that the members did not interpret the meeting that way, for they were all of the opinion expressed by Mr. John T. Moore, that the Clover Bar and East Clover Bar members of the Alberta Farmers' Association had lined them up on the front row of benches and lambasted them to their heart's content.

The Journal says "The meeting was engineered for political effect." In this connection we may say that those who engineered the meeting were Mr. Sidney Ottewill, a Liberal and Mr. W. J. Jackman, a Conservative, who acted in behalf of East Clover Bar, and Mr. Thomas Jackson, a Conservative, and W. T. Wilkinson, an Independent, who voted in favor of the Conservatives.

For the Liberals, the two latter acting on behalf of the Clover Bar local.

On January the 1st, the following letter was written and mailed to Mr. A. J. Robertson, the leader of the Opposition:

Clover Bar, Alta. Jan. 21, '08.
To Mr. A. J. Robertson, M.P.P. Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Sir:—The members of the Clover Bar and East Clover Bar branches of the above Association request the pleasure of your presence at a great deal of entertainment which will be held at the Clover Bar schoolhouse on Friday evening, January 31st.

Refreshments will be served from 6 to 8 p.m. The entertainment will begin at eight, during which we will be pleased to be favored with a short address by yourself.

Yours very truly,
W. F. Wilkinson,
Sec. Clover Bar local.
W. J. Jackman,
Sec. East Clover Bar local.

And on the same day a similar letter was written to Mr. C. H. Hebert. These invitations were written on the same day, as were those to the Liberal members. On January 21st, the day preceding the entertainment we were informed that the meeting was attracting more attention in Edmonton than was anticipated, and that the Bulletin people, in order to get a better story, had sent out a reporter. As soon as we were informed of this fact we called upon the Journal office and requested them to have a reporter present. Upon these facts the Journal can see anything of a partisan nature, we trust that it will inform us wherein lies, in order that we may guard against this danger also. Instead of the entire phalanx of Liberal members journeying to Clover Bar, less than one fourth of them were invited and less than one third of them were present, but the entire phalanx of the Opposition, and the Opposition newspaper as well were especially invited but none of them put in an appearance, and we are of opinion that if the meeting was engineered for political effect, it was the Journal which engineered it, in order that it might give the meeting an unfavorable appearance and then take advantage of it for political purposes.

In its opening sentence, the Journal says: "It is high time that the farmers of Alberta protested against their Association being made the cats-paw for any political party immaterial what complexion."

If that is being done, we say it is high time that the farmers protested against it, and in the interest of those who are in the dark we trust the Journal will follow its own advice and make its charge specific in order that the farmers may know what was the act and who performed it.

The only member of the Association which the Journal mentions as having trodden upon a forbidden ground was Mr. Fletcher and it at least left the impression, though it was not very specific on this point, that Mr. Fletcher was walking in the path marked out by the Liberal machine; the only offence, however, that it charged against him was that he had spoken rather strongly against the C.P.R. We have lived for several years in Alberta, but it was not until recently that we learned that a public man's political inclinations are to be judged by his attitude toward that corporation. The first intimation we had to that effect was when Mr. Root of Red Deer said that one of the principal reasons why he is a Conservative is because he hates the C.P.R. Later he was nominated as the Conservative candidate for the Dominion Parliament. Now, if Mr. Root's hatred of the Canadian Pacific

Railway has been one of the chief factors in making him so good a Conservative as to entitle him to the honor conferred upon him, we are at a loss to know why Mr. Fletcher's criticism of that corporation should brand him as working in the interest of the Liberal party. For the information of the Journal we might say that one of the charges which the President of the A.F.A. is preparing to formulate against the C.P.R. and submit to the Railway Commission is the injustice of its system of local freight rates. The farmers of

Penhold are in the market to buy feed wheat. There are large quantities for sale in the south, but it is alleged that it costs 2c per bushel more to ship it from Cardston to Penhold, a distance of less than 300 miles than it does to transport it to Fort William, nearly 1000 miles. The farmers of Penhold feel that they are being oppressed to the tune of at least 1c per bushel on every bushel of wheat they have to buy.

W. F. STEVENS,
Sec. A.F.A.

Music and the Drama

Angell's Comedians have been furnishing the amusement at the Edmonton Opera House the past three weeks and their performances have been up to the standard of the popular priced companies seen here this season. This week has been exceptionally good and special mention should be made of the clever manner in which they produced "The Chorus Lady" play in which Miss Rose Stals made such a decided hit, and "A Royal Prisoner."

In these two productions the company surpassed anything seen here this season, for handsome costumes and pretty stage fittings. Friday night and Saturday matinee they offer a lively musical comedy, "The Wizard of Wall Street, and close their engagement here Saturday night with the sensational melodrama "Deadwood Dick." After the performance on Saturday night the company will give an amateur contest at which many new and novel features will be introduced.

A great deal of interest is being taken in the announcement that a certain lady well known in Edmonton will sing with a veil over her face, as she does not care to be recognized by her friends.

It is gratifying to note that along with the many other good things given at the Edmonton Opera House this season, we are to have a sole week of opera. After much communication the management finally secured the Beggar Prince Opera Co., who will come for the week commencing Monday, Feb. 22, with a repertoire of entirely popular operas opening with "The Circus Clown" which has been very popular for the past two seasons in the east.

The other bills are "The Mikado," "The Bohemian Girl," "Fra Diavolo," "The Beggar Prince," etc. A change of bill each night and a full production of scenery for each one. The principals are all singers of exceptional ability, and they are said to carry one of the best trained choruses ever seen in the west. Local lovers of music are looking forward with pleasant anticipation to this engagement and several select operatic parties are already formed.

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Pan-Anglican Congress

The London Daily Mail in its account of the preparation for the Great Pan-Anglican Congress in the metropolis next June, says: "In connection with the congress it has been decided that a great thank-offering shall be presented at the thanksgiving meeting. Each bishop will present the offerings from his own diocese. It is generally hoped that the amount obtained will be considerably over £1,000,000. It is anticipated that part of this money will be devoted to the formation of six new dioceses—in Singapore, in Manchuria, in Northern Rhodesia at Khartum, in engagement and several select operatic parties are already formed.



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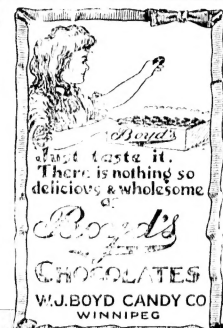
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What hope is there for hockey
when it is played as it has been on
the banks of the Saskatchewan dur-
ing the past week. It may interest
the man who bets and the man who
looks up to prize fighting as the ideal
athletic pastime. But those who fol-
low sport for its own sake will want
to pass it up altogether. At the end
of last week Edmonton and
Strathcona met.

The score was 3-3, when Crowley
of Edmonton, after getting into
several mix-ups with Dunderdale of
Strathcona, punched the latter's
face. Dunderdale was carried off
the ice and Strathcona refused to
continue the league game. To satisfy
the crowd, an exhibition contest
was, however, given; a listless sort
of affair which Edmonton won by
12-2.

Then the real struggle began, not
on the ice but in the newspapers.
The Journal for Edmonton and the
Chronicle for Strathcona, and several
letter writers in the two cities
took up the cudgels and
"Crowley's punch" was discussed
in all its phases. Into the merits
of the controversy it is not necessary
to go. What I want to emphasize is
that unless some steps are taken by
which such incidents cease, the game
ought to be prohibited in the inter-
ests of public decency. What is
wanted is some central body which
will control the game, make rules
and punish offences, when they
occur. No game can prosper when
conducted in the loose fashion
characteristic of hockey in Alberta.
Both it and lacrosse want to take a
lesson out of the experience of
baseball. In the latter game the
organization is so complete that a
player, who gives continual offence
on the field, is bound to suffer to
such an extent that he will consider
it advisable to mend his ways or
quit the game.

On Wednesday of this week in
Strathcona, Edmonton won by
12-5. "With Police on hand it was
a dignified game" reads the heading
over the report in one of the daily
papers. Where does the sport
come in where the police are re-
quired?

Deceun White has been offered
the management of the baseball
team in Vancouver. He is deserv-
ing of all the good things that the
world of baseball has to offer, but
it is to be hoped that means may be
found to keep the popular Edmon-
ton player manager in the city. It
would be hard to improve upon
him in any respect. He provided a
team which did us credit in every
way and he made it pay, no small
accomplishment for the first year
we enjoyed professional baseball.

On Saturday last Westward Ho
School travelled to the Fort to play
the school hockey team. Owing to a
mistake in the arrangements they
were pitted against the Junior Fort
team. However, early in the game
they got down to work and though
much the lighter team, by superi-
ority of play, won a hard fought
contest by 6 to 5.

For the Fort team, Batter, Dewar
and Diamond showed good play.
The school team as a whole played
a fine game. If any honour might be
given to any, perhaps Manuel de-
serves special praise. The team
were:

Junior Fort: F. Daniels, goal; E.
Graham, point; W. Dewar, cover
point; D. Ferguson, rover; P. Bat-
ter, left wing; L. Diamond, centre;
N. Suter, right wing.

Westward Ho School: T. Christie,
goal; D. Kinnaird, point; K. Kin-
naird, cover point; G. Ayles, rover;
E. Jellett, left wing; J. Manuel,
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Semi finals, Nairn and Herie; final,
Nairn.

Consolation: Fourth, Godson,
Herie, Kechum, Fairley. Herie won
by default.

Grand Aggregate, Trimble.

The Victoria Cricket Club will
hold a tournament in August, when
Seattle, Portland, Tacoma and all
the larger places of British Columbia
are expected to compete. Why
should not Edmonton send a team
down? One could be secured that
would make a good showing, if
preparations were made long enough
ahead. It would help the game in
the city immensely and give a stimu-
lus to it throughout the whole of the
west.

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Almost, dear land, with joy I weep
To see thee do thyself so proud.
I chortle even in my sleep
And in the street I laugh aloud
My England, this was great of thee:
"It was a famous victory!"

As each successive stage was passed
It still was anybody's game
Till Barnes and Fowler at the last,
Guarding with care the sacred
flame
Mounted by singles steadily.
"It was a famous victory!"

Oh to have seen that glorious sight,
The varying fortune of the play,
Till British bowlers stood to smite
And saved their country and the
day!

"Twere worth a journey o'er the
sea:
"It was a famous victory!"

Let croakers croak their dismal
Song
Of England's swift decline and
fall;

I know that she is going strong
And holds her place in spite of all.
This fact is good enough for me,
"It was a famous victory!"

—Touchstone in London Daily Mail.

The Late Dr. Tierney

"Can human's voice produce the silent shout,
Or flutter soothe the full-creed ear of death."

It is always sad to think of
one familiar to us all being cut
down in his prime, in the full-
ness of his strength, with his
greatest usefulness before him
still in the natural course; an
honour to the great profession
which he had chosen as the
work of his life, called upon
with startling and tragic sud-
denness to leave us all forever.
A broken column; the full pro-
mise and measure of life with-
held. The mournfulness of it
all, the vanity of vanities of it
all, the uncertainty of all things
here at their best. How float-
ing!

In the passing away of Dr.
John Andrew Tierney at the
early age of thirty-four years,
and in the midst of his useful-
ness in this city, on the 6th inst.,
death brought sorrow to the
hearts of a very wide circle of
friends throughout the city and
the St. Albert district, where he
was held in the highest esteem,
and where he had been practis-
ing his profession most success-
fully for the last ten years.

He was noted for his kind-
ness of heart, his bluff, hearty man-
ner, his never failing bonhomie,
qualities which welcomed him
always to rich and poor alike,
and endeared him to all.

He was born near Ottawa in
the year 1871, and spent his
youth there attending school
and later on entering Ottawa
University as a student.

After matriculating from that

institution at the head of his
class, he entered upon the study
of medicine at McGill University
in Montreal, where he spent
four years, finally graduating
there with honours, his di-
plomas bearing the signatures
of Lord Strathcona, chancellor
of the university, and other dis-
tinguished men connected with
that great Canadian institution
of learning.

The genial and kindly doctor
has found his last resting place
in Vernon, B.C., where his
father-in-law, Cornelius O'Keefe,
Esq., and Mrs. O'Keefe have
borne the remains by C.P.R.
train for burial in the family
plot adjoining the family chapel
on the estate of Mr. O'Keefe on
the beautiful Okanagan lakes
there.

On leaving the city on Mon-
day morning last, a solemn
requisition mass was chanted in
the chapel of the Misericordia
hospital here, the celebrant

being the Rev. Father Ennard,
O.M.I., a former professor of the
late Dr. Tierney in the Ottawa
University, and his life long
friend, assisted by the Rev.
Father Rosenthal, O.M.I., after
which the enshel with the re-
mains were conveyed to Strath-
cona and placed on the train.

There were many beautiful
floral tributes on the enshel
evidencing the affection and
respect in which the deceased
was held, among them being a
pillow in emblems from Mr.
and Mrs. O'Keefe of Vernon,
B.C., a floral wreath from H.
McKenney, M.L.A., and Mrs.
McKenney, Edmonton, a floral
cross from Mrs. McNamee, also
of Edmonton.

The late Dr. Tierney was sur-
vived by his wife and two chil-
dren, Mrs. Tierney being a
solemn daughter of Mr. O'Keefe,
of Vernon, B.C. The sorrowing widow, a most
charming and accomplished lady,

now left desolate while still very
young, was prostrated by the shock
of her husband's death and is at
present very ill at the home of her
friends, Mr. and Mrs. McKenney,
Eighth street. Thus after a short but
most happy married life death has
separated them.

The late Dr. Tierney was married
seven years ago in Vernon, B.C., to
Miss Helen O'Keefe at her father's
home there. The doctor and she had
met in Ottawa in the old days and
had known each other during their
school days. Mrs. Tierney having
been also educated there, Mrs.
Tierney has the sympathies of all in
her sad bereavement.

The late Dr. Tierney was a Catho-
lic in religion and died in full com-
munion with the church, and was
attended at the last by the Reverend
Father Mercer, O.M.I. of St. Albert
and the Rev. Father Rosenthal of
Edmonton. During their stay in the
city Mr. and Mrs. O'Keefe were
the guests of Mr. and Mrs. McKen-
ney of Eighth street.

H.W.M.

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Note and Comment

(Continued from page 1)

We have been trying to keep away from the subject—but one cannot help contrasting the perfect weather that Alberta has been enjoying, with not a single day on which anyone, reasonably provided for, could experience any discomfort, with the blizzards that have been raging in Ontario, with railway trains stuck in snowbanks and towns cut off from communication with the outside world, for days, and in some cases, for weeks. No one need apologize for our climate. It hasn't its superior the world over.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

"The Noble Outcast," one of John A. Fraser's greatest dramas will be played at the Edmonton Opera House at both matinee and evening performances on Saturday 22nd inst. This play is abounding with dramatic intensity, pathos, and humor from beginning to end, and in view of the great fact that it has enjoyed its existence both in England and America for over 20 years it is anticipated that Edmonton play-goers will not fail to fully appreciate a good thing.

William Brown, locating engineer of the Canadian Northern, is on a coal prospecting trip about 75 miles west of the city.

The Mirror

(Continued from page 7)

Miss Abby Sommerville, in a handsome white satin gown; Miss Forin, a very sweet looking girl in palest blue organdie; Miss Belcher in pretty blue; Miss Duncan, who came with her sister, looking even more striking than at the Subscription Dance, in a smart black lace frock with yellow mums in her dark hair and on the décolleté; Miss Goddard in such an attractive frock of palest pink much be-tucked and with rich lace trimmings; a wreath of tiny pink roses in her fair hair; Miss Ferris having a lovely time and looking so sweet and dainty in white silk point d'esprit; Miss Pat Matheson in yellow sprigged organdie; Miss Dorothy Sommerville in a girlish frock of white organdie with a wreath in her softly dressed coiffure; Miss Pagnuolo a girl with lovely dark eyes and rich brunette coloring in a simple gown of figured silk; Miss Marjorie Brown in black silk with some exquisite red roses; Miss McLean in pale pink silk, as pretty as ever; Miss Babbitt, by many declared the belle, in a lovely striped gown of pink satin with berthe of handsome lace; Miss Vira Sommerville in black silk; Miss Finn, an attractive young girl in white silk crepe de chine; Miss McLeese of Regina, in white silk; and one of the going-to-be prettiest buds, Miss Kathleen Pace in pale yellow organdie.

The first match played by the Ladies' Edmonton Curling Club against the men on Tuesday afternoon was to many minds the most important social event of the week. At any rate there was more fun, more enthusiasm and more novelty, and if you could have heard the whisper, "do you think we have any chance," "better put me on lead," etc., you surely would have realized that to some at least the occasion was fraught with the keenest anxiety.

For a woman's match started sharp on time, the preliminary skirmish taking place when Mr. Fraser presented a hat containing the names of the two gentlemen skips and the two ladies skips had their choice of what medicine they should take. To Mrs. Branton fell the bitterest dose, a picked team consisting of such record-breakers as Mr. Fraser, skip, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Ketchum and Mr. Bradburn. Mrs. Branton Watt had a more homeopathic prescription, that chivalrous man, Mr. Chas. May, with Mr. Freddie Muelle, Mr. Massie and Mr. Dicky Day being the sugar-coated proposition she and her rink had to finish. It is a matter of the keenest satisfaction to the Ladies' Club that Mrs. Branton's rink was able to hold its opponent down 11-12. Not that they don't realize that the men were handling them gently at that, but that some excellent play was shown, and allowing for a good deal of stage fright, the ladies used splendid judgment in handling both stones and brooms.

Mrs. Branton's team consisted of Mrs. Bishoprie, third, Mrs. Cooper, second, and Miss Mary Harris, first.

Speaking again of Mrs. Watt's rink mention should be made of Mrs. Duncan Smith's even, consistently good play. Her first stone, which registered shot for that end, put her into the women's play and really may be said to have done more than anything else to win the match which resulted first in a tie and then 8-7 in favor of the ladies.

Oh! but who shall tell of the gallantry of their opposing rink? Who could how Mr. May simply couldn't skip the shots he wanted, and those other heart-breakers, his team, went every time "all the way through the houses." The sweeping, too, somehow got mixed up and at times it was hard to gauge just who Mr. May's rink might be said to consist of, all his men being busy helping to "scoop'er up" for the opposing side.

Well it was a great game nevertheless, a crowd of three hundred spectators lending their

voice and support, needless to say, on one side. Up on the bridge stood His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, as keenly interested a spectator as you could wish to find. Commissioner Perry was another enthusiast present but to attempt to mention a quarter of the smart people attending would take too long. Is it not enough that Edmonton's Three Hundred took in the game to advise you of the entire list.

In the Club meeting room, tea was served during the entire progress of the play. Mrs. Barnes, the indefatigable president presiding at a table beautifully done in the club colors, red and white, red satin streamers and a tall basket of red carnations and some fragrant white bloom being employed in the decorations.

It has just occurred to me that I have forgotten to mention the names of the winning Ladies' Rink, Mrs. Duncan Smith, first, Mrs. Constantine, second, Mrs. Lane, third and Mrs. Balmer Watt, skip.

At the clever little play "The Tyranny of Tears" to be given under the auspices of the Edmonton Catholic Club in the Separate School Hall on February 18th and 19th, I hear, that the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Bulyon, and Premier and Mrs. Rutherford will be present, thus adding a distinctly smart social aspect to the occasion.

The play itself is a splendid one and Mr. Irving Beers who presents it is already well-known to you. I hope it will be well patronized.

The cast is as follows: Miss Katherine Hughes, Miss Mary Smith, Mr. John Gorman, Mr. R. O. McCoshum, Mr. A. Bollen, Mr. W. Kellair.

The engagement is announced of Miss Louise Martin, daughter of Oliver Martin, Esq., of Staten Island New York city and Mr. Percy C. Byron of Edmonton.

Some one has been kind enough to forward me a waltz by Mr. Maurice Baron called "Winter Dreams," and which is dedicated to Senator Roy and is a delightfully tuneful bit of waltz writing.

I am sure the senator, who loves good music, will not be ashamed of the inscription, and that everyone who hears it will appreciate the pretty refrain.

Peggy

The annual meeting of the Edmonton Board of Trade will be held on Friday of next week in the Council Chamber at three o'clock.

The post office will be moved to its old stand at the corner of Mc Dougall and Rice in the course of another week or so.

By a decision given by Justice Scott in the case of the Imperial Hotel against the city, Edmonton loses \$4,000. The legislature raised the license from \$200, the old Territorial figure, to \$400, making the net come into force on July 1, 1907. The city licenses are renewable on July 1st and the city, on renewals collected \$400, though the net was not yet in force. This the judge held to be illegal and the city has 21 hotels to refund \$200 apiece to and four wholesale liquor houses who also have a refund due them on the result of the test case.

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The Calgary Herald commends
a recent statement of Mark Twain's
to that new found apostle of tem-
perance legislate, Mr. C. Hiebert,
member for Didsbury.

"I am a friend of temperance, and
want it to succeed," said Mark.
"But I don't think prohibition is
practical. The Germans, you
see, prevent it. Look at them. I
am sorry to learn that they have
just invented a method of making
brandy out of sawdust. Now what
chance will prohibition have when
a man can take a rip saw and go out
and get drunk with a fence rail?
What is the good of prohibition if a
man is able to make brandy smashes
out of the shingles on his roof, or if
he can get delirium tremens by
drinking the legs off the kitchen
chairs?"

A story is going the rounds in
Winnipeg about a brisk piece of
midnight sprinting done recently by
a well-known lawyer who lives
within no very great distance of
Maryland Bridge.

His nearest neighbor is one of
Winnipeg's leading merchants, who
returned recently from a trip to the
East.

One night while the latter was
away, about an hour after the
furnace man had gone after fixing
up the furnace for the night, his
wife thought she heard a burglar.
She telephoned to the lawyer
aforesaid; and also to her nearest
neighbor on the other side a busi-
ness man whose name is one of the
best known in the city.

The lawyer hastily pulled on his
coat over his pyjamas, got into
his boots, and sallied forth.
He was cautiously rounding the
corner of the house where the burg-
lar was at work, when he saw a man
moving cut-like in the shadow close
to the wall.

At the same instant the man saw
him, and came at him, head on.
The lawyer didn't join issue, but
fled inconspicuously.

The 100 yards dash that the moon
looked down upon was done in
remarkably good time.

But the fleeing lawyer was over-
taken on his own doorstep by his
pursuer—who was the other man to
whom the needlessly alarmed lady
had telephoned.

Needless, I say, because the
noise she heard was made by the
furnace man returning for his keys,
which he had forgotten.

He and the moon were the only
spectators of the lawyer's flight and
capture.

Once poetry breaks out in a cer-
tain spot, you never can tell how far
it will spread. Mr. E. W. Service
took to writing verse up in the
Yukon sometime ago about that
country. Critics who thought they
knew it all said it was merely a
weak echo of Kipling, yet Service's
book a couple of months ago was the
best seller in the American
cities. Now, if Service was an imi-
tator of Kipling's, he has now his
own imitator, in the person of Mr.
C. H. Askwith, who furnishes the
following:

THE ALASKA SOCIAL WHIRL.

The Duke of Skokum led the waltz
In graceful swing, with Atlin Nan,
While Skagway Sue whirled down
the line
With One Ear Jake from Ketchi-
kan.

But Patient Hank and Thirsty Kate
With scorn gazed on a couple
free.

For Atlin Nan refused to talk
To Dago Pete or Sweet Marie.
Then Five-Ace-Jim to Frisco Maud
Reminded across the great main,
That Hoho Bill and Ping-Pong Nell
Had robbed a sluice box, up at
Nome.

Yet e'en with these, they joked and
drank

And sang, and danced, with spirits
free,
But all agreed they could not mix
With Dago Pete and Sweet Marie.
Then Sam-the-Swede and Ashcroft
Lil
Said Rose Lepine (from Point
Lewis)
Was acting as no lady would
(She swapped her clothes with
Red McGee.)
But while they scrapped among
themselves
On this thing they could all agree
They would not talk, nor dance nor
drink
With Dago Pete or Sweet Marie.

MORAL.

In Palace or in Dance Hall cut
"Mid London fog, or Arctic chill
In live or Munson, north or south.
The social lead we follow still
And we refuse to talk or drink,
To nod or dance, to smile or meet
Those whom our social law frowns
down,
Like Sweet Marie and Dago Pete.

Reporting some of the animal stories
told by Mr. Harrison Young in his
lecture the other night, the
Calgary Herald heads his article
"An Edmonton Munchausen."
The Herald man should come up and find
out who Mr. Young is and how long
a time he has spent in the country
and what he has been doing since
he came here.

A man who from pinching poverty
had grown to aspiring affluence had
a wife with social ambition. She
had arranged to give a dinner party
on one occasion, and when her hus-
band came downstairs in his even-
ing clothes she observed his attire
with critical eye:

"Whiv, George," she exclaimed,
"where are your diamond studs?"
"What's the use of wearin' 'em?"
he protested; "my napkin'll hide
'em, any how."

I thought I had heard all the anec-
dotes told of Douglas Jerrold. But
this is a new one to me.

One morning as Jerrold and
Compton proceeded together to
view the pictures in the Gallery of
Illustration, on entering the
autumn, they found themselves
opposite to a number of long
mirrors. "Look at that picture,"
said Compton, pointing to his own
reflection. "Very fine," said Jer-
rold, regarding it intently, "wants
hanging though."

Harper's Weekly is responsible
for the reincarnation of an old but
good story:

A new volunteer, who had not
quite learned his business, was on
sentry duty one night when a friend
brought a pie from the canteen.

As he sat on the grass eating the
pie the major snorted up in a
dress uniform. The sentry, not re-
cognizing him, did not salute, and
the major stopped and said:

"What's that you have there?"
"Pie," said the sentry, good na-
turally—"apple pie. Have a bite?"

The major frowned.

"Do you know who I am?" he
asked.

"No," said the sentry, "unless
you're the major's groom."

The major shook his head.
"Guess again," he growled.

"The barber from the village,"
"No."

"Maybe" here the sentry laughed
"maybe you're the major him-
self."

"That's right, I am the major,"
was the stern reply.

The sentry scrambled to his feet.
"Good gracious!" he exclaimed.
"Hold the pie, will you, while I
present arms!"

LOUNGER

The Japanese Question

Dear Sir, In a recent issue of the
Saturday News the "Lounge" after
giving us some commendations that
Japanese married women are sup-
posed to keep, says: "And yet we
say the Japanese are an inferior
race," and now, in your last issue,
that clever person from the "Terry-
tory" don't see nothing wrong with
their comin', cause, etc., etc. Now
sir, I don't think anyone, other
than an interested newspaper man,
a labor agitator, or a missionary on
the ramp for dollars ever said that
the Japanese were inferior to us.
This is not a question of inferiority
or superiority: it is a question of

difference. No one can argue that
a wether is inferior to a steer; but
put them together in a small pas-
ture and the wether will starve the
steer out.

It is the same with Alberta or
Canada for that matter—it must
either be a pasture for the Yellow
man or the White. Everybody
knows that an enormous IMMEDI-
ATE profit would accrue to the
country by a large unregulated in-
flux of Japanese labor, and short-
sighted, selfish men will no doubt
do all they can to obtain such.

But what of the future? Does
the white race end with the present
generation? Are our children
worthy of no consideration? Are
they to take up the struggle for
existence side by side with the yel-
low man, whom the ages have
taught to look on all things from
an entirely different standpoint to
ours? Whose views on Life and
Living are—more than all things—
opposed to those we hold? If they
were assimilable it would be a
very different proposition; but they
are not. You can no more mix the
yellow race with the white than you
can mercury with water. And it
is something more than a physical
difference: it is a psychological
difference that prevents it. Watch
a Jap or Chink in a crowded street
say Jasper Avenue—and you will
see that there is a something about
him that stamps him at once as a
different being to those about him.

We all know about the 25,000 acre
deal that the C.P.R. have on with
the Japs, and we know they will
raise Cain and slack the dollars to
get it through. Also we know that
many will be found to sing the
praises of the Japs if the dollar
goes their way, but go to the far-
mers and ask them if they want a
Japanese or Chinese—if you let the
Japs in you can't keep the Chink
out—colony on the next township to
theirs. Ask them that and—if
they are broad-minded men I take
them for—you will get one decided
answer: NO.

In conclusion may I suggest some-
thing and I hope you will take it in
the friendly spirit in which it is
made—viz., if you have a plea for
the Japanese to get off your mind
give it to us in the editorial: don't
leave it to obscure and unknown
column writers.

I am, yours etc.,
Gerald J. Lively.
Islay, Feb. 5th.

(Ed.—We are as anxious as Mr.
Lively is to see a White Canada.
Objection has been taken editori-
ally at different times to certain
measures that were proposed to
bring about this result, but we
never held that an extensive Oriental
immigration would be a good
thing for the country. As for the
Lounge, he professes to be nothing
more than a humorist ("pretends")
may be a better word, some may
say). On the other hand Mr. C. Y.
Slocum, while a genuine humorist,
is at the same time something else
as well. His opinions are purely his
own and he can take care of himself,
without any assistance from the
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-doe-
He'll call me after him, an' then
He'll flit, an' leave me still.
A bird I had once was one'st my
own
Oh dear my Calleen Dhu to me!
My nest is cold, my bird has flown—
An' the blackbird sings to me.
Oh never think I'll tell her name,
I'll only sing that her heart
was true:
My blackbird! ne'er a thing's the
same
Since I was losin' you,
Tis lonesome in the Narrow Glen,
An' rain drops heavy from the
tree;
But whiles I'll think I hear her when
The blackbird sings to me.
I'll make a cradle of my breast,
Her image all its child shall be,
My throbbin' heart shall rock to rest
The care that's wasting me.
A Night of Sleep shall end my pain,
A sunny Morn shall set me free,
An' when I wake I'll hear again
My blackbird sing to me.

THE DECLINE OF GOSSIP

I have just finished reading an
amusing article on "the decline of
gossip." The ridiculousness of the
thing, as if to the millennium men
and women will hold their tongues;
and yet so responsible a journal as
The London Spectator is authority
for the statement that, at country
houses at least, men and women no
longer harpoon their associates as
they were wont to do, no longer
tear to pieces Mr Jones the hypo-
critical church goer, or read Mrs.
Jones' very latest bonnet into a
thousand shreds.
"Everything in this particular
has changed except the talkers,"
quotes this reliable authority—as if
the talkers being the same and hav-
ing no change of heart things in
this regard COULD right them-
selves.

However, it is cheering news for
all that, none better, and perhaps in
time even Edmonton will follow
suit and instead of considering the
Mrs. B. and Mrs. C. of a thing, will
look rather to the rights and wrongs
of a question. It is an end to be
devoutly prayed for and may it
come in my time!

Least in the absorbing pastime of
devouring the books and papers and
general billing and cooing which the
Spec. informs us we are at present
engaged in, you may have just
missed the article I have reference
to. I have decided to quote it in part
to show you what a "mutual admi-
ration" society, we women are said
to have formed. The idea is said to
have an original one, it deserves to
have all the prominence we can give it.

"Talk at country tea-tables is not
what it used to be," says our in-
formant. "Everything has changed
except the talkers. Gossip no longer
plays a preeminent part. There is
gossip, of course, but it is intro-
duced surreptitiously or with an
apology. Larger subjects (by the way,
is there any subject larger than
human nature?) form the staple
of interest. The change is
general. The equipment for the
change is as yet somewhat partial.
Very few families talk much when
they are alone together. The stimu-
lus of the stranger is almost neces-
sary to discussion. That is why,
with their heads full of newspapers,
new theories and new books, the
women who live out of London and
have time to read, brave the mist
and the mud on winter afternoons
to pour forth their thoughts over
each other's tea-tables. Occasionally
there are men to be met on these
occasions but women of course pre-
dominate very largely. They set
the tone, they guide the talk, and it
is surprising how very well they
agree. This agreement must be as-
cribed, no doubt, less to unanimity
of conclusion than to similarity of
standpoint. Almost all women who

think at all approach every subject
from the ethical side—at any rate,
they do at ten times. They are all
of them hereditary students of right
and wrong, and hereditary training
makes them at home in the domain
of morals.

As we said before, personal con-
versation is now but sparingly in-
dulged in at country parties, and
what there is has undergone a
change. The new virtue of toler-
ance is conspicuous at the tea-table.
A witty defence will bring down
the house, and to dismiss from the
conversation a victim of popular
censure without a stain on his or
her character is a far greater tri-
umph than any to which ill-nature
can lay claim. The new education
has largely counteracted the acidity
for which the gossip of women used
to be famous, but, of course, the
type of women who is commonly
compared to a cat is not extinct in
any society. Education can neither
kill nor correct her. Her cultiva-
tion serves only to poison her claws,
and the sad thing is that few of her
acquaintances know their danger
until they are wounded. An able
woman is seldom suspected of
cruelty, and, worst of all, she never
suspects herself, but will confuse her
spite with insight and candor until
her dying day. But, putting aside
these rare people, the only danger
which lurks in ten table gossip arises
from the fact that women have such
a craving for conclusions. Men like
gossip just as well as women do.
Perhaps in the particular class with
which we are dealing men enjoy it
more than women, for other subjects
are less new to them, and they are,
therefore, less eager to thrash them
out. They want to know what
Dick and Tom and Maud did at least
as much as their wives do; but they
are content to know what they did
without drawing a hard-and-fast
conclusion from their doings as to
what they are. They do not want to
label them all as saints or sinners
spite or fools. Their interest
is often a philosophical one in
human nature. Their wives' inter-
est is a more strictly ethical one
in conduct and in character.

Of course at ten, as at every other
entertainment, a great deal depends
upon the hostess.

"That is why, with their heads
full of newspapers, new theories,
and new books, the women who live
out of London and have time to read
brave the mist and the mud on
wintry afternoons to pour forth
their thoughts over each other's tea
tables."

What a novel idea! I had never
thought of it in just that way. For
the reason, I suppose, that I so
rarely, if ever, hear books or
authors, even mentioned. Not that
the average woman I meet every
day is lacking in brains; but that
she chooses, and live for many years,
to apply her wit and clever tongue to
be-littling her friends rather than
devoting her time and attention to
story people and their creators.
Imagine the very thought of our
dressing and braving the cold or
slush to hear a group of intimates
disseminate on books. The mere notion
makes one smile; and imagine again
our agreeing on anything under
Heaven except siding in in a
cowardly attack on an absent woman.

I am not a cynic nor have I lost
my faith or love for womankind,
but I may tell you that when I hear
one woman stand uncompromisingly
up for another, I raise my
eyes in astonishment, so rare a thing
is it among us for us to do other
than, at the best, remain silent.

Women are naturally jealous crea-
tures, and all the preachers in
Christendom will not persuade me
otherwise. For one to have a strik-
ingly pretty face, another a decided
talent, magnetism, what you will,
is almost certain to mean that
her sex, as a class, will do their best
to humiliate her. Only the plain,
ordinary women escape. Why we
have this of the cat in our nature
I don't pretend to understand.
Enough that so it is. Yes, and
so will be until women take the
stand that there is something bigger

and better to live for than traducing
others more fortunate than them-
selves, until they put down the
woman who has position but no man-
ners, until they band together to
discourage boorishness, vulgarity
and Billingsgate in their drawing
rooms, the women who whisper in
secret what they do not dare to voice
in public until such days as they
will rule by sweetness and woman-
liness rather than by the autocracy
of sharp and venomous tongues.

HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon
The pageant of the world goes by
For you, for you, I pause and con-
A Stander-By

The Subscription Dance held in
Rennie's Academy on Friday evening
last, was, contrary to general antici-
pation a brilliant event. The men,
who it was thought would on account
of the Speaker's dinner be conspic-
uous by their absence, were
enough out-numbering the fair sex
so that—the ladies at least—had a
splendid time of it. Outside of an
excellent floor, and music much the
same as usual, the arrangements for
"sitting out" were perfectly man-
aged, the alcove at the side of the
hall looking more like a luxurious
Turkish lounging room—incident-
ally I have never been in one. That
is, in Turkey—than anything I have
seen since coming to Edmonton.
Seriously the bright crackling fire,
the soft handsome draperies, great
many pillowed divans, cosy corners
and inviting easy chairs, to say noth-
ing of the twinkling red, white
and blue strings of lights and the
artistically shaded electric lamps,
made this little rest room so entic-
ing a rendezvous that partners
had more than once to urge their
reluctant ladies to "please hurry up
as the dance was half over."

The women I thought looking,
generally speaking, their prettiest,
among the number being a sprin-
gling of out-of-town visitors, who
added not a little to the interest of
the occasion. Among these might
be mentioned Miss Duncan of Win-
nipeg, a sparkling vivacious girl in
a lovely soft white frock that be-
came her wonderfully; Miss Ethel
Bate of Ottawa, whose lovely dark
eyes and brunette coloring were
pretty, set off by an attractive frock
of pale blue silk with a deep V of
softly stirred white chiffon; Miss
Watson of Portage la Prairie, a
handsome girl, in a bewitching pale
yellow gown. Of the town women

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who graced the smart event I recollect Mrs. Nightingale, whose belle-ship remains undisputed, in a graceful gown of white dotted net and lace; Mrs. Calderon in pretty pink silk; Mrs. Jackson looking stunning in a black sequined robe; Mrs. Charlesworth in a quaint little gown of pompadour silk with touches of pale blue velvet; Mrs. Fraser very attractive in white point d'esprit; Mrs. Morris in a very handsome toilette of black sequins and heavily embroidered silver; Mrs. Jack Anderson in a chic French creation of pale blue satin that set off her dainty little figure to perfection; Mrs. Duncan Smith in a striking gown of black and white embroidered chiffon, with a knot of pink roses on the corsage and in her coiffure; Mrs. Swaisland in softly tucked yellow silk mull with Val lace and white satin ribbon garniture; Miss Connie Rhodes, a picture, in white silk point d'esprit with silk lace and pearl garniture; Miss Belcher in a dainty white lace frock; Miss Graves in pale blue crepe de chene with touches of cream lace; Miss Pat Matheson in dainty yellow figured voile, and a great many others too numerous to mention.

Supper was served at midnight, after which Miss Graves played an extra that proved the most enjoyable number of the evening.

To the committee who had the dance in hand too much praise cannot be given, from first to last it was, as our slangy friends would say, "one huge success," and while I am on the subject I have been asked to mention Mr. Hugh Campbell's name, who, the boys aver, was one of the prime factors in making the evening the rattling fine event it was.

Mrs. Cote, who has been so dangerously ill, is now much to her many friend's relief, on the high road to recovery.

Miss Watson of Portage la Prairie is visiting Mrs. Lane.

Mrs. Jack O'Neil Hayes is entertaining this (Friday) evening at a large euchre of eight tables, to be followed by a dance.

Mrs. Cooper is giving a girls' tea on Saturday, in honor of her sister's guest, Miss Watson.

The Ladies' Hospital Aid are giving a dance on Feb. 28th which will be the last social event before Lent.

Mrs. Charles Fisher did not receive on Wednesday owing to the death of her grandfather in Ottawa.

The Women's Edmonton Curling Club play a second match against their men opponents on Saturday, to be followed by a tea in the club rooms.

The Ottawa correspondent of Toronto Saturday Night says: Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier on Wednesday evening invited several guests to dine and meet Mr. and Mrs. Cawthra Muleck, of Toronto, who are spending a week with them. Those invited were Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Roy, of Edmonton, Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Madame Lemieux, of Montreal, Mr. and Mrs. D'Arcy Scott and Mr. E. B. Devlin, M.P. Pink carnations and lily of the valley made a most dainty and attractive table decoration.

The following had the honor of being invited to dinner at Government House, Tuesday, Feb. 11 (the Hon. W. T. Finlay, Minister of Agriculture, A. S. Rosenoll, M.L.A., F. A. Walker, M.L.A., J. B. Hadden, M.L.A., J. W. Woolf, M.L.A., W. F. Puffer, M.L.A., J. A. Simpson, M.L.A., John Stocks, Deputy Minister Public Works, Geo. Harcourt, Deputy Minister Agriculture, H. W. Wiley, Deputy Provincial Secretary, Dr. McQueen, J. H. Cowell, Clerk Legislative Assembly and Commissioner Perry, R.N.W.M.P., Regina.

Miss Kathleen Graydon has gone to Vermilion for a visit.

Another of the jolly little "Not Out" parties will take place this Friday when Miss Jean Dawson will be the hostess.

Literally the whole of Strathcona is mourning this week over the unexpectably sad and sudden death of one of its most popular and philanthropic social leaders, Mrs.

W. M. Hill, wife of the manager of the Brackman-Ker Milling Co., which took place after a short illness.

Mrs. Hill was prominent in every good and charitable work, being President of the Ladies' Hospital Aid, which had in hand the Charity Ball, which was to have taken place this week, but which has been postponed on account of her death. To the bereaved husband the sympathy of the entire community will be extended.

Miss Rant, of the Strathcona hospital staff, left the latter part of last week for a visit to her home in Victoria, B.C.

What do you think of this happening in Toronto society? A smart young man, being offered sugar by his hostess at tea, helped himself to a lump with his finger and thumb. The hostess directed the maid to remove the sugarbowl and fetch some fresh sugar. After drinking his tea, the smart young man pitched his cup in the grate fire, remarking quietly: "I will send you a fresh cup tomorrow," and made his exit. —Toronto Saturday Night.

Mrs. H. I. Millar of Wetskiwin is visiting Miss Kate Bourchier, both of them coming up early in the week, Miss Bourchier after a three weeks' visit to Mrs. Miller.

Miss Watson, who is visiting Mrs. H. N. Lane, will probably remain in the city for a month's sojourn.

One of the smartest social events of last week was Mrs. Charlesworth's matinee Bridge on Friday, when, I think, seven tables indulged in play, and a great many later dropped in at the tea hour.

The charming home was a delightful setting for the merry gathering, many lovely cut flowers being disposed about the pretty room, which with the smartly frocked women made a most attractive picture when the game was at its height.

Mrs. Charlesworth received her guests in the cosy living room, a dainty figure in a simple gown of embroidered linen.

The tally cards were the ever popular Teddy Bears, a pretty consolation favor for the Also Rans. Play was extraordinarily close during the afternoon, the lucky winners, Mrs. Pardee and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, only beating their competitors by a few points, but those few being efficacious in sending the first named home with a handsome leather Bridge set, and the latter with a sheaf of exquisite red roses. The tea room was a vision of brilliant crimson and soft lights, the table being centered by a tall vase of cool spring-like tulips in a bed of cool green, a lovely color scheme of decoration.

Among the many present I noticed: Mrs. Duncan Smith, Mrs. Biggar, Mrs. Lane, Miss Watson, Mrs. Bower Campbell, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Nightingale, Mrs. Brunton, Mrs. Cantley, Mrs. Barford, Mrs. Norquay, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Swaisland, Mrs. Brathwaite, Mrs. Frank Summerville, Mrs. Joseph Morris, Mrs. Seuble, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Driscoll and Mrs. Almon.

One of the jolliest private house dances that has occurred in Edmonton in quite a time claimed Miss Graves of Fifth street as hostess on Wednesday evening, and if a merry crowd of young people, an ideal floor, excellent music and a score of the much-sought-after cosy nooks and corners, can make a party a success the dance in question was indeed a triumph.

The entire house had been lavishly decorated with many lovely flowers, daffodils predominating, and in the cosy square reception hall, where the orchestra were stationed Miss Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Graves and the young daughter of the house, Miss Madeline received their guests. Mrs. Graves, in a handsome toilette of black jet sequins with a white agrette in her coiffure; Miss Graves very sweet and attractive in pretty pale blue crepe de chine, with an immense bunch of exquisite violets on the corsage; Miss Mattie in a simple girlish frock of cream with and on the bodice; a girl who gives promise of being one of the prettiest buds.

Mr. Graves was the kindest of

hosts and indefatigable in looking after everyone's comfort.

Above stairs were card rooms on the first floor, and "up top" where the attie usually holds its collection of curiosities, a Turkish "den," where, with the consist of easy chairs, divans and screens, little parties a deux no doubt told and listened to the same old story; at any rate when I ran upstairs for a peep, it "listened" like it, and I know the few stray married people who graced the occasion were promptly but politely told it was no place for them.

A word as to the music, which it has been my fate at dances to so frequently condemn. On Wednesday there were only two pieces in the orchestra, Mr. Lagougue, piano, and Mr. Hendra, violin, but they played each number as it should be played, rollicking two-steps, and dreamy waltzes, which were not night noises. Good catchy music, excellently rendered. After a delicious light supper, served at midnight, Miss Graves played some extras in her own finished style, which were enthusiastically enjoyed.

Among the merry dancers I noticed: Mrs. Jackson looking very pretty in pale green cologne, a wreath of foliage in her sunny hair; Mrs. Pace in a rich gown of black voile with many soft frills and bands of black satin; Miss Connie Rhodes in the smart white frock so much admired at the last dance, a genuinely lovely girl; Miss Jackson of Toronto, a pretty vivacious visitor in white point d'esprit; Miss Perkins in embroidered white mull;

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